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# School Committee, Town Council to Discuss High **School Renovation**

A joint meeting of the School Committee and Town Council Tuesday evening will discuss the 4 million dollar

renovation and expansion project of the high school.

Led by councilor Kenneth Barnes at their regularly scheduled meeting Monday. March 19, the council requested a meeting with the school board to discuss the school board to discuss the project which has been the center of much controvery in recent weeks.

Councilor John Bartnik placed the high school project on the agenda when he asked on the agenda when he asked for a suspension of the rules at the meetings outset. Discussion on the project began after agenda item 25. According to Barnes, there

are many people in Town questioning the 4 million dollar expenditure which was approved by the school board by a 4-3 vote 3 weeks ago. Barnes is concerned that the project's cost has skyrocketed since its original price tag of 2.7 million dollars. Barnes feels the council could possibly scale down the project to the amount necessary to accrediate the high school high school.

I'm very hopeful that we all can come to a realization on what part of that 4 million is essential to the accredidation of the high school and what part isn't Barnes remarked.

Council President Richard
Theroux said there are many
questions which need
addressing from his standpoint, especially after the 4-3
vote of the School Comm-

ittee.
"We will be hoping to answer all the questions which have come up in recent weeks over the project," Theroux said of Tuesday's meeting. "Times have changed, people want tax cuts these days", he maintained. "I really think we have to get as much input as possible to figure out if we can scale down the plans and still meet accredidation.

Theroux also pointed out that many of the present councilors were not involved in the original approval of the project."So it is quite natural there would be questions in their minds," Theroux added. 

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School Committee Chairman Richard Borgatti was quite vocal against what he termed as "a movement by a few people in Town who are against everything that is trying to be accomplished in Agawam". Borgatti named trying to be accomplished in Agawam". Borgatti named fellow board member Joseph Napolitan, and Agawam Business Association members Arthur Leary, Peter Language and Garald Zarra for against education or against education or against Longo and Gerald Zerra for their part in causing the current controversy on the

"Ten years ago much of this renovation was supposed to be done. There was a study on it and 95% of the reco-mmended things in that report were never completed and that's what we are hoping to do now.", Borgatti said. "Now these people want to hold up the renovation which is essential to the school's accredidation.

Borgatti told the Adver-tiser/News that the Town will be reimbursed on 50% of the entire package if ground is broken by June and also the Town will recieve a 25% reimbursement of the interest

on the project.

"The state has told us the funding is there now. We have termites in the window sills, the school needs more electricity, the ceilings in the corridors have to be changed and these are the things that could be cut before anything. could be cut before anything else." Borgatti added.

Borgatti, a member of the education board for eight years, stated that all the Council will receive at the Tuesday meeting is basically the same information they received two years ago. Borgatti did say the administration has been assembling new documen-tation on the high school project, and feels this information will conclude the entire matter.

"The administration had been working very hard during this entire matter. We will have all the facts Tuesday night and then we will put some people in their place.",

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According to Walter Balboni, one of the 3 dissenting votes on the school board, the 4 million dollar expenditure is "totally unnecessary". Balboni said he is benjing the project on it.

against education or against the renovation of the high school on a-modest level.", he

Balboni said he is exercising his "right and privilege" as a board member to vote down the project with a 4 million dollar tag and not because of any political

reasons.
"What bothers me about this is that its turned into a political issue.". Balboni said. "I just disagree with the school administration and feel that other methods can be used to renovate the high school at a much lower cost to

school at a much lower cost to the taxpayer."

Town Manager Peter Caputo said he is not particularly sure if the 4 million is necessary for the project. "The project has reached a poplicy level now and ahe council deals with policy." At the council meeting last Monday night, Caputo said the Charter requires his signature to this project and that the Council had not given him any direction on the matter in recent weeks.

#### Caputo Announces **Openings**

Agawam Town Manager Peter Caputo announced today that the following openings on various government structure:

A Town Attorney; One member of the Planning Board; Three members for the Council on Aging; Five members of the Beautification Committee; Three members of the Conservation Committee; Two members of the Board of Health; One member to the Housing Authority; One member for the Industrial Development Financial Authority; and Two members for the Youth Commission.

Caputo noted that anyone interested in applying for any of the positions should send their resumes to his office immediately, 36 Main Street, Agawam MA. 01001.

# Voted 'Woman in the Public Eye'



Pat Guevin, Editor of the Agawam Advertiser/News was voted Woman in the Public Eye in a recent poll conducted by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Pictured from left are: Charlotte Venturini, Public Affairs Chairperson for the Club, Pat Guevin, and Diane Willard, President of the Agawam Jr. Women. photo by Jack Devine

# Health Spa Reopens Under **New Ownership**

Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti announced today that European Health Spa, Inc. has formally agreed to open a health spa at the lcoation of the former Roman Health Spa in Agawam. Provisions to service Roman Health Spa's existing members have been made by European Health Spa and the Attorney General.

The Agawam facility which was closed some six weeks ago will be reopened on March 28. European, the largest health spa company in the United States with over 140 full

service spas has given a letter of intent to the Attorney General promising to provide helath spa facilities to the former Roman Health Spa mambers for the remaining terms of the memberships plus two months for a reinstatement fee of \$50.00. Thereafter, all paid up permanent members wh had renewal privileges in their renewal privileges in their contracts will be entitled to renewal for \$60.00 a year, the same as Roman Health Spa charged.

All local bank financed customers are to receive contracts, plus two additional free months, all without additional cost over their agred price.

The Attorney General filed suit against Diversified Health Industries, Inc. d/b/a Roman Health Spa and its president, Ronald Dillon in February after the Dillon in February after the spa closed in January, leaving its 3,000 members without facilities. Earlier this month Superior Court Justice George Hayer granted a preliminary injunction, preventing the defendants from transferring assets, selling memberships or continued on page 7 continued services on their continued on page 7



#### Martial Arts Demonstrated At Agawam High School

Two of the Army's top martial arts experts conducted a day-long clinic for students at Agawam High School on Monday, March

Students had the opportunity to watch Sgt. Philip Van Treece of Fort Richardson, Alaska, demonstrate the

techniques in Judo which have brought him frist place in eight competitive meets around the country, as well as several second and third place

Sgt. Eugene R. Allen of the 10th Special Forces at Fort Devons, Massachusetts, gave highlights on the Korean form of karate known as Tae Kwon Do. Sgt. Allen hold a 3rd Degree Black Belt and has extensive experience in teaching karate.

These two martial arts experts were invited to Agawam by Staff Sgt. Allen Cudd, the local Army

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A.R.T. Play To Open

years.

challenge for ART's growing

capabilities over the past five

toward its success as the first step in establishing ART as a resident Agawam theater that will not only present new plays throughout each season, but will also increase its

present scholarships to young

people for furthering their

education in theater as well as

sponsor a children's

workshop theater.

The Agawam Junior
Women's Club is fully
supporting this attempt by

ART to establish itself with

this major production and

will have punch and assorted

foods available for patrons of the play during the intermissions.

Following the opening

night performance, A Flea in

Her Ear will be presented on

Saturday, March 31 and on

Friday and Saturday, April 6

and 7. Advance reservations

may be made by calling Shenas at 732-7169 or 73/-

1496. Tickets will also be

available at the door.

He adds that he looks

The Agawam Repertory Theatre production of the

elaborately-staged French

bedroom farce, A Flea in Her

Ear, by Georges Fey deau will open Friday, March 30, at 8 o'clock at the Agawam Junior

The dizzily-paced comedy

Emmanuel Chandebise and

his wife, Raymonde. Among

other characters in the play are Agawam actors Bob Sands, Irene Scanlon, and

Set designing and lighting for the technically-demanding

production are in the professional hands of Joe

Long of Stage West and Bill Ballou of Hartford Stage Co., where A Flea in Her Ear played last season to standing

room only. Budgeted at \$5,000, this is the largest and

most ambitious show to be mounted by ART, which is a

wholly volunteer community

group "chose this tremendously entertaining, but

Producer of A Flea in Her Ear Jim Shenas says that the

Budgeted at

Gaylen Davis of Westfield and Eleamor Piccin of Agawam as Victor

High School.

Danny Texiera.

theater group.



#### Program SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday March 28

5:30 HERE COME THE TIGERS (PG-1:30) 7:00 Special:

Special: THE HOLLYWOOD CLOWNS

THE HOLE THOOSE SECTION
SECTION AT NEW YORK
(Tape Delay)
9:30 THE WILD GEESE (R-2:15)
12:00 HERE COME THE TIGERS
(PG-1:30)

#### Thursday March 29

6:00 EMBRYO (PG-1:44) 8:00 Roller Skation 8:00 Roller Skating: 14TH GOLD SKATE CLASSIL (Tape Delay) 9:00 GOIN' COCONUTS (PG-1:33) 10:30 EAT MY DUST (PG-1:30) 12:00 THE EVIL (R-1:30)

#### Friday March 30

5:30 Special:
AN EVENING IN CONCERT
WITH GLEN CAMPBELL
6:30 OUR WINNING SEASON
(PG-1:32)
8:00 Standing Room Only:
DOUBLE TALK: The Second
Annual Adult Ventriloquism
9:30 THE CHOIRBOYS (R-1:59)
11:30 AAU Boxing:
BOSTON AT NEW YORK
(Tape Delay)
1:00 REVENGE OF THE PINK
PANTHER (PG-1:39)

Nightly 7:15

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#### Saturday March 31

2:00 ACES HIGH (PG-1:54) 4:00 HARPER VALLEY P.T.A. (PG-1:42) 6:00 Special: UPCLOSE

UPCLOSE
7:00 Roller Skating:
14TH GOLD SKATE CLASSIC
(Tape Delay)
8:00 MEAN DOG BLUES
(R-1:48)
10:00 ACES HIGH (PG-f:54)
12:00 THE WILD GEESE (R-2:15)

#### Sunday April 1

3:00 REVENGE OF THE 'PINK PANTHER (PG-1:39) 5:00 GOIN' COCONUTS (PG-1:33)

6:30 OUR WINNING SEASON (PG-1:32) 8:00 THE BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING (PG-1:37)

BREAKING TRAINING (PG-1:3/ 10:00 Special: THE HOLLYWOOD CLOWNS 11:00 Standing Room Only: HOCUS POCUS: IT'S MAGIC! 12:30 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN—PAHT II (PG-4:45)

#### Monday April 2

5:30 Special: UPCLOSE 6:30 CATASTROPHE (PG-1:32) 8:00 ELMER (G-1:30) 9:30 THE CHOIRBOYS

(R-1:59) 11:30 MADAME ROSA (R-1:45)

#### Tuesday April 3

6:00 REVENGE OF THE PINK PANTHER (PG-1:39)
8:00 ISLANDS IN THE STREAM (PG-1:44)
10:00 THE WILD GEESE (R:2:15)
12:30 THE EVIL (R-1:30)

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# **Police To Sponsor** C & W Show

The Agawam Police Association will be sponsor-ing a Country and Western Show on Friday, March 30, at the Agawam High auditor-ium. There will be two performances, one at 7 p.m. and a second at 9:30 p.m.

Featured in the show will be up-and-coming John Conlee, a rock-and-roll disc jockey who has recently found success in the country music field with a hit single entitled Rose Colored Glasses, which he composed and simgs.

in country music for about 20 years. Several months ago, he wrote and recorded this song which has given him his "big break.

Conlee has left his job as disc jockey for radio station WKQB in Nashville and has a new goal for himself - recording a string of hit songs.

The show is being held to

benefit the Agawam Police Association's general fund. The proceeds from ticket and advertisement sales will be used to help bring the general Conlee has been dabbling fund back to good standing.

#### Powder Mill Concert Slated

Southwick, will be presenting tion, whose purpose is to a concert of music from "Bach emphasize student participato Broadway" on April 2 at tion in all phases of school 7:30 p.m. in the school music. auditorium.

The instrumental groups at level by the Massachusetts Powder Mill School, Music Educators Associa-

The local groups will be The concert is being presenting a variety of presented in conjunction with selections emphasizing Gov. Edward King's recent Broadway tunes and will be proclamation making the directed by Jack Lampiasi, week of April 2-8 "Music in All parents and friends of the our Schools Week." This week is organized om the state are welcome to attend.

# **Pension Checks Early**

Agawam Postmaster Pension checks are to be VA Compensation and

Robert R. DeForge has delivered on Friday, March advised that April Supple- 30, 1979 instead of the normal mental Security Income and 1st of the month delivery date.

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# **Agawam Auxiliary Police SPAGHETTI**

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Children under 12 \$1.00

\*Tickets available from all members of the Auxiliary \*Police or call Jack Devine at 789-0053.

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# School

#### Agawam School Menu

Wednesday, march 28: Baked fish bites, tartar sauce or ketchup, buttered niblet corn, oven-baked potato rounds,

Thursday, March 29: Chilled juice, baked hamburg & macaroni in tomato sauce, creamy cole slaw, Italian bread & butter, cherry jello w/whip topping, milk Friday, March 30: Steamed frankfurt in roll, mustard &

relish, oven baked beans, oven baked potato rounds, school baked oatmeal cookies, milk

Monday, April 2: ½ chicken salad sandwich, ½ peanut butter & jelly sandwich, oven-baked potato rounds, chilled fruit cup in syrup, milk

Tuesday, April 3: Cheeseburg on roll, steamed butter rice,

green beans, applesauce spice cake w/vanilla icing, milk Wednesday, April 4: Orange juice, macaroni w/meat sauce, creamy cole slaw, buttered Italian bread, cherry jello w/whipped topping, milk
Thursday, April 5: Oven-baked chicken, whipped potatoes,

cranberry sauce, buttered sweet peas, whole wheat bread & butter, school-baked peanut butter cookies, milk

Friday, April 6: Filet of haddock sandwich, buttered corn kernals, oven French fries, tartar sauce or ketchup, ice cream, milk

#### Southwick School Menu

Wednesday, March 28: Oven baked chicken, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, bread & butter, vanilla pudding w/topping, milk

Thursday, March 29: Amercian chop suey, shredded cheese, tossed green salad w/dressing, French bread & butter, chilled fruit cup, milk

Friday, March 30: Tunafish salad roll w/shredded lettuce, potato chips, buttered corn, strawberry jello w/fruit and topping, milk

Monday, April 2: Frankfurter on roll, Boston baked beans, chilled peaches, milk

Tuesday, April 3: Ham & cheese on roast beef roll, buttered green beans, potato sticks, dessert-cook's choice, milk Wednesday, April 4: Beef & cheese pizza on English muffin,

buttered corn, chilled fruit cup, milk Thursday, April5: Roast turkey w/brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered peas, bread & butter, cranberry sauce,

Friday, April 6: Fishburger on bun, potato rounds, cole slaw, orange jello w/topping, milk

#### Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

4/2: Pepper steak, noodles, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail 4/3: Stuffed peppers, creamed corn, potato squares, peaches

4/4: Knockwurst, sweet potatoes, sauerkraut, fresh fruit

4/5: Chicken croquettes, rice, peas, jello

4/6: Soup, tunafish ssandwich, potato chips, rice pudding

The next hypertension clinic will be April 3, from A-L. Dr. Haynes' foot clinic is on April 4 with appointments only.

# Kindergarten Screening **Now Being Conducted**

Agawam Public Schools are now conducting registration and screening of children entering kindergarten in September, 1979. Children who will be five (5) years of age or older during the calendar year 1979 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in september.

Chapter 766, the Massa-chusetts Special Education law, requires that each school district provide services for identifying children with special needs. Screening is not a test or in-depth evaluation, but an observation of how a \* child is growing in different areas of development.

A screening team will be \* observing growth in vision,

hearing, physical develop-ment, language, speech, thinking and behavior. This process will be completed at the time of kindergarten registration.

Parents who have not already contacted their neighborhood school should do so immediately. Children will be screened by appointment only.

Screening dates are as follows: Mar. 26-29: Robinson

April 2-4: Granger April 6: Phelps April 10 & 11: Clark

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Left to right are Agawam School Volunteers Mary Fedora, Betty Bonfitto, and Judy Anderson.

teering in the first place.

The First Lady also stressed the continual effort to close the gap which exists between those who want to become volunteers and the areas which are open to work in. She praised the volunteer program in Springfield as an inspiration to the rest of the country and encouraged other towns to use volunteers to the utmost.

The thrill of being part of this historic occasion and the message delivered by Rosalyn Carter will go a long way in keeping enthusiasm at a peak for our own dedicated volunteers.

#### Paper Drive

Troop 75 and Pack 75 of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will be having a paper drive on Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1 Rain or shine.

If you wish to have your papers picked up on these dates, please call 786-1381 or 786-5481. Papers may also be brought to the trailer in the parking lot of the church on Saturday from 10 to 4.

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# Agawam Volunteers Invited To Hear First Lady Speak

by Joanne Brown

Fhe old adage. "Hard work pays off," holds true - at least for three dedicated volunteer aides at Robinson Park School.

These three mothers - Mrs. Judy Anderson, Mrs. Betty Bonfitto, and Mrs. Mary Fedora - who spend countless hours each week helping out at the school were rewarded for their time and effort by being included in the select group of volunteers invited to First Lady Rosalyn Carter speak last Monday. Specially chosen volunteers from the Springfield area, including 11 from Agawam, as well as some government workers and schoolchildren, were invited to hear Mrs. Carter speak in praise of volunteer aides at the New North Community School in Springfield. The three Agawam women, who have devoted their services over several years to their children's school, were among those included from surrounding communities.

The Agawam women were seated only six rows from the platform on which Mrs. Carter stood and were, therefore, able to have an excellent view of the First Lady. All three agreed that she appeared quite different from what pictures they had seen had led them to believe, especially since her hair is a strawberry-blonde shade, not

the dark color most often shown in newspaper photographs.

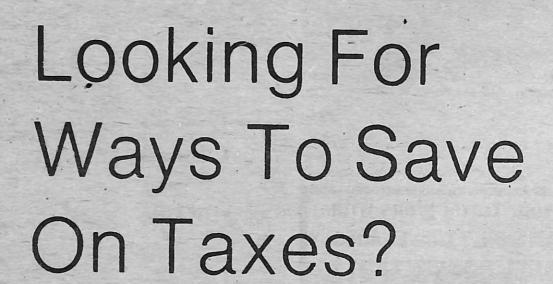
"She seemed to me to be a true Southern lady," said Judy Anderson. "She was gracious, charming, and, most of all, very sincere."

Mary Fedora agreed with Mrs. Anderson saying, "The First Lady seemed so normal; she even fidgeted in her seat while waiting to speak, twisting her ring and crossing and recrossing her legs." Security for the visit was

security for the visit was extremely tight, and the sight of Springfield police and Secret Service agents appearing to swarm all through the crowd really impressed the viewers.

What impressed the Agawam women most, though, was the very down-to-earth, sincere manner in which the First Lady presented her speech. Betty Bonfitto said, "Mrs. Carter spoke in terms everyone could identify with, and she truly seemed to mean all that she said."

A particularly memorable statement from the speech that occurred to Mrs. Anderson was, "It is good to learn early that when you're wrapped up in yourself, you're a very small package." Mrs. Anderson believes this to be absolutely true, and it is one of the reasons she and many others began volun-



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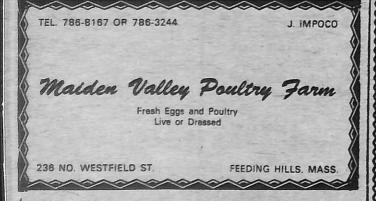
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Plante of Ridge View Drive, their daughter Kathleen Mary Feeding Hills are happy to to Patrick Kevin Kelleher.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. announce the engagement of

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Kathleen attended Salem State College and graduated from Becker Junior College with a major in travel and tour. She is now employed by American Airlines in

Patrick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kelleher of 26 Gilbert Street, West Springfield, attended Johnson and Wales College in Providence, Rhode Island. He graduated with an associates degree in culinary arts. He is employed as a manager for Bickford's restaurant chain.

Both attended Cathedral High School.

Barbara Plante, sister of the bride will serve as maid of honor. Michael Kelleher will serve as the best man.

The wedding ceremony will take place in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills on May 5th. A reception will follow at Oak Ridge Country

The couple will reside in the Hartford area.

### Grange To Meet

The regular meeting of Community Grange will be held Tuesday evening, April 3rd at 8 o'clock in the Grange Home on North West Street. During the lecturer's hour,

Mr. Franklin C. Allen will talk and lead a discussion on 'Wills and Investments" to be followed by a question and answer period.

A social hour will follow

the program, and Misses Dorothy, Elsie, and Edith Johnson are in charge of the refreshment committee.

# **Troop 38 Wins Award**



Teresa Martone, Mrs. Carolyn Widmer and Barbie Garrity.

On a recent Monday at James Clark School, Mrs. Carolyn Widmer, Girl Scout Unit Chairman in Agawam, presented to Girl Scout Troop their awards for participating in the 1978-1979 cookie sale. Troop leaders. Mrs. Jane Alaimo and Mrs.

Teresa Martone, report that Troop 38 sold over 100 cases. Both Teresa Martone and Barbie Garrity sold over 150 boxes, and Barbie received a trophy representing a sales figure of 200 or more boxes, which was the second award

given to a girl scout in Agawam.

### Breakfast With Easter Bunny Offered

Again this year, the Agawam Jaycee-ettes will hold their annual Easter Bunny Breakfast to benefit the many children of Agawam through the third grade. This event will include a breakfast, the Easter Bunny, a puppet show, a magician, and surprises for all the young

The breakfast will be held at the Robinson Park School on Saturday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. Tickets may be purchased at \$1.75 per person, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone attending must purchase a ticket.

Tickets will not be sold at the door, and only 300 tickets are available.

Pre-reservation forms have been distributed throughout the elementary schools and to most of the nursery schools in Agawam. Reservations must

be made by April 4th. For additional information, please contact Koreen Delskey at 786-2978.

### Robinson Open House

The Annual Spring Open House at Robinson Park School will take place on Thursday, March 29 from 7 to

Individual appointment times with parents will be set up by teachers so as to avoid congestion and parking problems. Appointment times will be limited to five minutes to allow each parent time to discuss his child's progress.

Along with the Open House, the Robinson Park School P.T.O. will conduct a Bake Sale with proceeds going towards the annual gift to the school.



#### Citizens For Life Will Hold Dance

The Southwick Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens For Life will be holding an "Oldies But Goodies Dance" on Saturday, April 23, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Polish American Club, Southwick Street (Rte. 57), Feeding Hills.

Disc jockey Dick Boyle will be playing all your favorite records. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Mrs. Terry Hanley. 569-5836, or Mrs. Melodic Charbonneau, 569-5495.

#### Sr. Men's Club Party Held

The Agawam Senior Men's Club held a party on March 15 at the Polish American Club, Agawam.

All ladies in attendance were presented with a green carnation corsage delicious steak and chicken dinners were served.

Entertainment was vided by Frank Demio, and a good time was had by all.

#### Golden Agers To Be Installed

The Agawam Golden Age Club will hold an Installation of Officers party on April 4th at the Oak Ridge Country Club, Agawam.

Cocktail hour will be from 11 a.m. to noon, and dinner will be served at noon.

Entertainment will be provided by the Goldenaires of Holyoke.

In April, the club meetings will be held on the 18th and 25th of the month.

On April 19, the Golden Agers will take a trip to New York City to see the Easter Show at Radio City.



334 Walnut St. Ext. AGAWAM 786-0719





John Balboni

# Music And Hockey: **Entertainment Plus**

John Balboni has been combining business with pleasure since the fall of 1978 and loving every minute of it.

Last October, John was asked to put his musical talents playing the organ to work for the home games of the Springfield Indians at the Eastern States Colosseum. John, who is a sophomore on the Dean's List at Western New England College, has put to gether selections from his own collection and entertains hockey-lovers at the games

By Joanne Brown whenever the puck is not in

He tries to vary his style and choice of music, but finds it difficult to please all listeners all the time. He is free to play whatever tunes he wants and does try to include songs from different areas to please music buffs in each field.

John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Balboni of 188 Walnut Street, Agawam, has studied the organ for five years under the tutelage of Mrs. Dorcas Cirillo of

agawam. He finds the organ adaptable to most kinds of music and quite often takes the opportunity to play at weddings or other social occasions.

Although he loves playing the organ, John still thinks of music as only a hobby and definitely plans to pursue a career in electrical engin-eering. Whichever field he may end up in, we at the Advertiser/News wish him the very best of luck.

### State-Wide Contest For Children Announced

Secretary of State Michael J. Connolly announced recently the opening of the fifth annual Children's Contest. This art and writing contest for elementary school children throughout the state is co-sponsored by the Department of the State Secretary and the Life Insurance Association of Massachusetts.

"The contest's theme this year is 'Massachusetts Challengers: Yesterday and Today, "Connolly explained.
"We want to encourage grammar school children to learn about their state, to think about contemporary concerns, and to visualize how they may play a role in solving some of our society's problems."

First prize winners in each category will receive a \$100 savings bond. Class projects are also encourged. Winning classes will be given tickets to the New England Aquarium.

All prizes will be provided by the Life Insurance Association of Massachu-

The deadline for this contest is April 30, and all entries should be submitted to Children's Corner Department of the State

State House, Room 272 A Boston, MA 02133

### Sponsors For Trip Sought

Agawam's Safety Officer Alfred Longhi has requested any town organizations or individuals to contact him if they might be interested in participating in sponsoring the annual trip to Washington D.C. taken by the school bus patrol students.

Since the funds on which he could previously rely have been eliminated, Officer Longhi would appreciate donations in any amount in his attempt to raise funds to take on this annual trip these hard-working students who help to preserve order on the school buses throughout the

If you wish to participate in this sponsorship, please contact Safety Officer Longhi as soon as possible. Tentative dates for the trip have been set for April 19 and 20.

### Southwick Dogs Available For Adoption

The southwick dog officer has announced the following dogs as availble for adoption: An above-knee sized, male adult purebred husky

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A black/gray, female, kneesized puppy of husky/shepherd/keshoud mix

A brown/gray female knee-sized collie/malamute mix

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### **Agawam Students Participate** In Open Rehearsal

In observance of Music in Our Schools Week, April 2nd to 6th, children who play string instruments from grades 5, 6, and 7 will participate in a special Pre-String Jamboree open rehearsal on April 4th at 2:45 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School.

Those taking part will be the following: from Granger -Cynthia Slate; from Robinson Park - Debra Brown, Donald LePage, Patricia Melloni, Richard Rogers; from Clark- Candra Cripps, Tanya Daigneau, Kim Downing; from Phelps -Kellie Frame, Ali Kitchell, Catherine Landry, Sharon Taylor; and from Danahy -

Also appearing will be the following students from the Middle School: Thaisa Carl Batchelder, Raymond Belden, Andrea Borsari, Angela Christy. Frappier, Nancy Frappier, Guy Jediny, Lisa Laudato, David Liptak, Joanne Mason, Jennifer Powell, Darlene Vignato, and Denise Welch.

Players, under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Hegarty, will gather to prepare music that is to be performed at the Ninth Annual Western District Strin, Jamboree to sheld Wilbi nam Junic. High School on Saturday, April 28.

#### National Library Week To Be Celebrated

The Agawam Library will celebrate National Library Week, April 1st to 7th, with programs for all ages.

Events planned for that week include on Tuesday, April 3, at 4:30 p.m., local entertainer Dominique will

hold a puppetry workshop.
On Friday, April 6,
performances will be given of
"Vintage Movies" hosted by
popular television personality
Hal Stanton. Children's show
will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will begin at 4:30 p.m., and

adult showing will be at 7:30

On Saturday, April 7, at 10:30 a.m., the library staff will present an hour of film and story fun for elementary-

school-age children.

During the week, special book displays will be arranged throughout the library for browing and library for browsing and pleasure reading.

For further information about these programs, call the library 789-1550.

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Herman N. McKenzie

# Herman McKenzie Promoted

Herman N. McKenzie has recently been promoted to analyst in the real estate department at Conecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. He manages Connecticut Mutual owned real estate in the midwest.

He worked for six years at Massachusetts Mutual Realty Development in personnel and safety security matters joining Connecticut Mutual in 1977 as an employment specialist. He was promoted

to senior employment specialist in the human resources division last year, his most recent position.

McKenzie received a B.A. in economics from American International College and is currently enrolled in the University of Hartford's MBA program.

McKenzie is a member of the Urban League of Hartford. He and his wife Marcia are residents of Feeding Hills.

#### Meetings Set To Inform On Enrollment

Mr. James Loomis, Jr., coordinator of the Enrollment Studies Committee for the town of Agawam, announces the following schedule of meetings which will be held to inform the residents of town of the results of their study. Phelps School: April 4 at 7:30 Robinson: April 5 at 7:30 Clark: April 9 at 7:30 Danahy: April 11 at 7:30 Granger: April 12 at 7:30 Peirce: April 30 at 7:30

#### Laughing Brook Offers Gardening Class

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a foursession workshop designed to teach people about Backyard Vegetable Gardening. The four-week course combines indoor instruction with outdoor application and begins Wedensday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.

Backyard Gardening will help participants produce better backyard vegetables. Choosing and planting seeds, preparing the soil, mulching, and compsting are all topics to be explored. Additional work on transplanting, companion planting, and pest control are included. à large series of take-home materials are available as well as demonstrations and activities to participate in.

Backyard Organic Gardening is open to the public and a fee will be charged. Reservations are necessary, and more information is available by calling Laughing Brook any day at 566-3571.



# Diane Paleologopoulos Inducted Into Honor Society

On Tuesday evening March 12, Diane Paleologopoulos was inducted into the Sigma Epsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the International Honor Society in History.

Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Paleolopoulos of 1411 Main Street, Agawam. She graduated from Cathedral High School and is

presently a junior at Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee where this past semester she maintained a 4.0 average.

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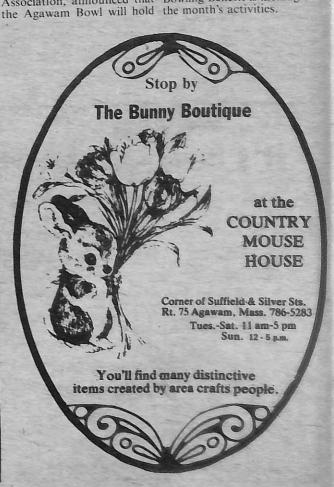
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Is there anything that you would like to learn in school that is not being taught now?

The following responses are from fifth grade students at the Danahy School.

Debbie DiSisto, Age 10 -Yes, there is something I would like to be taught that isn't being taught now. It is a language, because then when we get into the higher grades we will be all set for the language. Also, if you meet someone new and they don't speak the language you speak, then you will know it, if you are being taught that language.

Gary Scott, Age 10-1 would like to be a mechanic. I'd like to learn how to fix cars.

Marnie Cormier-I would like a typing course in fifth grade. We would learn to type fast and know how to type without looking at the keys. I would know where the keys are. I would like an electric typewriter.

Steven Beddow, Age 10 -I want to learn about electronics. I want to hitch wires up and make things that you have to wire. When I'm all through I would like to bring my project home to play and do things with.

Jennifer Garvin-In school I think they should teach different things about jobs. If a student wants to be a lawyer, they should tell them a little bit about how much money you'd get and the working hours and things like that. The school could just have it for a few weeks and during subjects that the student is good at. That way when a student gets older, he'll know what he wants to be. I think they should start around fifth or sixth grade, instead of having to wait until high

Edwin Perez, Age 11-1 would like to be taught geometry because I think it's fun, and it helps you get into other grades.

Tracy Gaffney, Age 10-I would like to learn about cooking, because I lke to cook and I would learn how to make things. I would learn how to measure when cooking a cake.

Richard Vezis, Age 11-1 would like to learn how to fix the engine of my father's car in thrid grade, because I want to know about an engin to help my father fix his Pinto.

Jennifer Avonti, Age 10-I would like cooking to be taught in schools in about fifth or sixth grade because in that grade you should be able to use the stove and be responsible.

Next Weeks Questions:

"Wee Whisperings" (kindergarten) - If you could meet any famous person in the world, who would you like to meet?

"Children's Chatter" (grades 1thru 4)- Do you think it is important for a child to have a pet and why?

"Youthful Yak" (grades 5 thru 7)-If you had the power to pass any new laws for the country, what laws would you put

"Teen Talk" (grades 8 thru 12)-Now that the voting age is 18, do you pay any attention to current events involving politics or in any way try to prepare yourself for that time when you are going to be able to vote?

Don't forget to send us your poetry!

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making misrepresentations. Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Lenz, who headed up the Roman Health Spa investigation, commended both European Health Spa local financial institutions for their efforts on behalf of members of the former spa. He remarked, "I believe European's action will improve the tarnished reputation of the industry

caused by Roman Health Spa's closing. While the Attorney General's office hopes to recover enough money from Roman Health Spa to make complete restitution to all Roman Health Spa members, that is several months away. This relief for the public is here and now and I am pleased the Attorney General's office was able to negotiate for it.'

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# Crafty, But Not As In Fox

by Rita White

In this age of the assembly line car, the machine milked cow and the computer run industry, the individual is almost swallowed up and lost. But the human spirit is not quite so docile.

All across the country there has been a resurgence of the individual touch. People have wanted that feeling of pride and recognition that comes with being able to say "I made it myself.

Whether we call these individuals artists or craftsmen doesn't seem to make much difference. Webster tells us an artist is one who practices an art in which conception and execution are governed by imagination and taste" and a craftsman is a person,"as a writer or an artist, skilled in the mechanics of his craft.

Artists, or craftsmen (or perhaps we should say craftspeople); their numbers are many and growing as people find that they each have some special talent. They learn that this talent is their own personal possession, to use their own way, always for fun and the feeling selfsatisfaction. And now with the help of Arts & Crafts shows, flea markets and craft specialty shops, craftspeople are finding their talents can be profitable.

Upon examination of some of the items created by todays craftspeople, several thoughts come to mind. First the professionalism that is so evident. It bespeaks of the pride that went into the creation. Next the imag-ination. So varied. No wonder we progressed so rapidly from a world thought flat to a walk on the moon. And finally perhaps some surprise to find that our child's teacher, the salesclerk in the drug store or our next door neighbor is one of these craftspeople.

Agawam is no exception in the arts and crafts world. Right here in our own town there are many, many craftspeople. Some have already become well known in the area as their exhibits have taken them far and wide. Others are still going through sale.

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the process of becoming known. In the weeks to come, we shall try to introduce you to some of these people. They may be your neighbors, relatives, or complete strangers, but I'm sure you'll find them, each and everyone, an interesting individual.

Perhaps another way to become better acquainted with some of them is to attend an upcoming arts and crafts show which will be exhibiting some Agawam craftspeople.

This particular show is the Artisian's Village Arts and Crafts show, sponsored by the Sisterhood Congregation Sons of Zion of Holyoke. This is its 3rd year and sure to be another success. They limit the number of exhibitors to 100, guaranteeing that you can see the cream of the crop in crafts coming from all around New England.

One of the Agawam



The show is on Sunday, April 22, 1979 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Holyoke High School auditorium on Beech St. (route 202), Holyoke, Ma. There is an admission charge of \$1.75, but discount tickets are available at various places of business around town, including the Agawam Advertiser/News. There are baby-sitting services available at the show and food and drink will be on

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She is a graduate of the Agawam High School class of '4l. She went to nursing school and graduated from Spring-field Hospital as an R.N. in 1945. She practiced nursing until marriage and children claimed her on a full-time

Barbara speaks with pride of her husband George and their 3 successful sons. One son is a professor at UCLA with a PhD from Yale, one is a successful drummer with a popular band currently appearing in Seattle and preparing to go on tour to Hawaii and Alaska. The third son recently graduated from WPI, is married (his wife is also a college graduate) and

exhibitors you can meet there is Barbara Huba. Barbara is a typical craftsperson in that there seems to be no end to the facets that make up this lovely

> Barbara find time to become a craftsperson? In 1972 she became associated with a group of ladies who did volunteer work to help keep Laughing Brook going and she was asked if she couldn't produce some kind of hand made craft item to sell in the Laughing Brook gift shop. Barbara said, "I have no talent, but I'll be glad to try." And so were born the adorable pom-pom creations of "Wee World". Anyone who has seen them knows the vast amount of imagination and talent that goes into each and every one. What can comparewith a little pink elephant sitting in a champaign class, or a family of bears, each sporting appropriate cos-

By 1974 Barbara was ready for the craft shows and today finds her traveling around the New England area attending them, such as the upcoming Artisian Village show. Her Wee World animals can also be found at the Country Mouse House in Agawam.

Not one to rest on her laurels, Barbara still runs a home for husband George. works a couple of days a week managing the Budget Box on Worthington St., in Springfield for the Jr. League of Springfield, and still as always trying to create a new pom-pom animal for her "Wee World".

Continued success and good luck to one of Agawam's talented craftspeople.



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March 30,31, April 6.7 Agawam Jr. High School 8 p.m.

Policeman's Agawam High School

April 4, 1979 chool Story Hour Agawam Library 10 a.m.

April 7, 1979 A.F.S. Macaroni & Meatball Supper V.F.W., South Street 5-8 p.m.

April 8, 1979 Pancake Breakfast for the benefit of the Cancer Crusade Polish American Club Feeding Hills 8 a.m. - 12 noon

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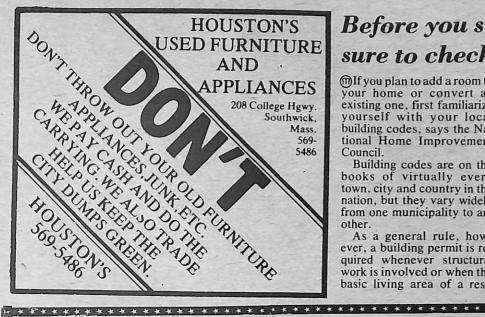
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### Before you start to work, be sure to check building codes

mIf you plan to add a room to dence is to be altered. your home or convert an existing one, first familiarize yourself with your local building codes, says the Na-tional Home Improvement

Building codes are on the books of virtually every town, city and country in the nation, but they vary widely from one municipality to an-

As a general rule, however, a building permit is required whenever structural work is involved or when the basic living area of a resi-

For example, if you plan to partition off an unfinished area of your home and complete it as a room, you'd need a building permit in most lo-calities. This is because you'd be changing an area in your home from storage to living space.

Code requirements and details respecting building permits are usually available at your town hall. You simply pay the required fee and assume responsibility for failure to file required permits.

# Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Home gardening has become more than just a hobby for many people. It has become almost a national pastime. Most people can find a way to garden if they really want to. Children garden at school; apartment dwellers garden in pots on their balconies; back yards and even front yards are given over to gardens; and many people share in the popular

community gardens.

Vegetable gardening is a very useful, enjoyable It can provide recreation, education, conversation, and some very good fresh vegetables.

Harold J Parnham, president of the Men's Garden clubs of America, was asked what he thought about what the next 25 years in home gardening would be like. He replied, "Dinner at Grandma's always seemed to taste better. And it really did.

Grandma had a garden. " He continued,"With a large majority of people now living in smaller homes or even apartments in the urban areas, and with more time on their hands and higher prices, and, it appears, with less gas to run around and do nothing, I feel that there will be more home-vegetable growing. Small plots at apartment sites

are becoming very popular. In crowded spaces, people will find they can grow vegetables among flowers, edging flower beds with small vegetables and growing vine-types up trellises and poles above limited areas. Newer varieties will produce more, and second and third plantings will be practical. AND they will taste just like Grandma's

Mr. Parnham is exactly right. Every year more and more people discover the joys and savings of planting a vegetable patch of some sort. I am often asked about varieties that are best to plant in this area, when to plant certain vegetables, and so on. If you will take time to call or write your Hampden county Extension Service, they will be happy to send you all the information you will need on vegetables, fruit trees, berry bushes, or whatever else you would like to grow. Their address is 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089. Their phone number is 736-7204. These people are there to help us learn to help ourselves. If you have any questions, let them

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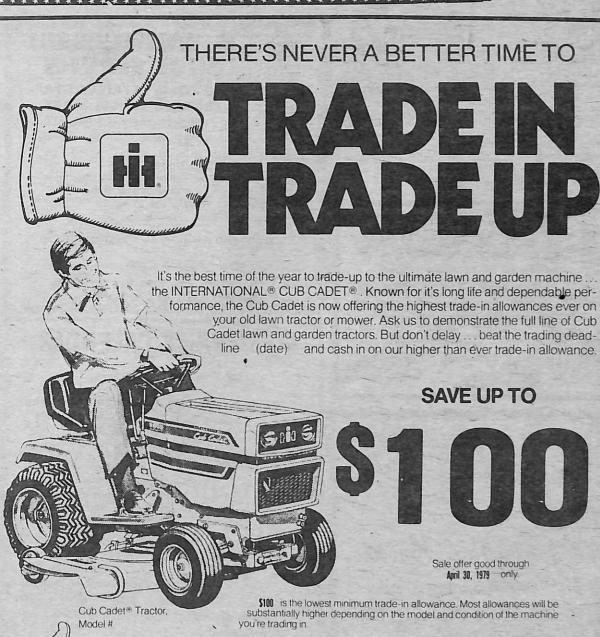
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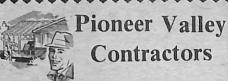
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# Selecting a reputable local home contractor

"renovate, don't relocate" route offers them maximum economy with minimum hassle can benefit by following some common sense advice from the National Home Improvement Council, concerning the choice of a contractor.

NHIC, spokesman for the \$35-billion U.S. home improvement industry, numbers among its 2,500 member companies the nation's leading broad-based contractors, all of whom must adhere to a stringent ethical and professional code.

While stressing that most non-NHIC contractors are also qualified ethical businessmen, the Council points out a few exceptions:

• The itinerant operator who solicits business door to door.

• The high-pressure telephone salesman with the tempting bonus if you "aet

· Those offering to do home repair work on the spot from the back of a truck.

• The "contractor" who just happens to show up shortly after the homeowner has talked to a reputable home improvement man. and proposes to undercut an honestly-arrived-at estimate by a suspiciously substantial

Hot Water Boilers

Before signing any home improvement contract, cautions the Council, check the contractor with your nearest NHIC chapter. They're located in 44 cities nationwide. Or contact the local bank, on the day's heat. Try to savings and loan association, Better Business Bureau, lumber dealer or real estate board. If they don't know the contractor or can't give him a clean bill of health, beware.

The Council suggests the following provisions be in-cluded in all home improvement contracts:

1. Agreement by the contractor to provide both labor and material.

2. Agreement by the contractor to maintain required insurance coverage, including workmen's compensa-tion, throughout the life of the contract.

3. Clearly stated starting and completion dates.

4. Complete cleanup of all waste materials.

5. Agreement by the contractor to make plans and specifications part of the con-

6. A guarantee on all work for a standard period, usually one year.

7. A guarantee by the contractor that all local codes and ordinances will be com-

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#### **Public Hearings Coming Soon**

This Thursday evening at the Junior High School, the Town's Planning Board will conduct the first of two public hearings on proposed developments in Agawam.

First to face a public forum is the condiminium complex of Frank Solitario. Slated for an April 5 hearing before town residents is the 55 million dollar business park sponsored by

another local developer, John Beltrandi

Each of these propositions have been under the public eye through the various media in the last 8 weeks. The pros and cons of both proposals have been caught in much heated and often emotional discussion between residents favoring the developments and those in opposition. The controversy sparked a flareup at a Planning Board meeting March I when both Beltrandi and Solitario were scheduled to present their plans to the Planning Board. The residents jamming the small Town Hall Hearing Room caused the two developers to wait until their respective public hearing dates to speak their piece before the Board.

Thursday's public hearing will perhaps find a large crowd filling the Junior High auditorium. Without a doubt, the April 5 hearing on Beltrandi's business park will find the school's assembly hall overflowing with residents who are present as either interested onlookers or to become verbally

Yet a few ground rules of exactly what a public hearing is supposed to accomplish should be noted. First, the developer will make a presentation to the Planning Board. Board members will then ask specific questions of the

Once this process is completed, the presiding officer will provide an opportunity for those proponents of the development to voice their opinion. The same procedure is granted for residents wishing to maintain a negative posture

on the development.

If the above rules are obeyed in an orderly fashion, the two hearings should function quite smoothly. But there are fears that some residents may not wish to follow the rules. Instead, they would rather utilize disruptive tactics to ensure everyone in attendance become acquainted with their particular point of view.

Heckling and jeering become common practices. The rude interruption of a speaker is another. Soon the hearing turns into an open debate among people who cannot understand that the purpose of the hearing is to provide the public a chance to state their point of view in an orderly manner. Citizen Speak Time at the Town Council's meeting is such a proper place. A public hearing is another.

There was once a time in Agawam when elected officials and residents could argue toe-to-toe over issues directly effecting the Town. But that was during the Selectmen-Town Meeting era. With the birth of the new Chartger, this "street brawling" mentality could no longer have a place in

"street brawling" mentality could no longer have a place in Town government. Yet during the turbulence of the Westman years, some residents still choose to directly involve themselves in the meetings. This behavior further

muddled an already chaotic situation. The democratic process built into the Town Charter provides residents their share of democracy, but not in an arbitrary way. There are times when residents cannot verbally become involved in the proceedings. Residents should have enough respect for both elected and appointed officials to allow them to do their jobs in a cohesive and adult manner. At the hearings of Solitario and Beltrandi, there will be opportunity for residents to become active in the meetings...and there also will be times to be silent.

A great many people around Town are often most concerned that Agawam is on the end of spectacular headlines. Some of the shenanigans which took place at many governmental meetings over the years only served to aid the media's salvo. No doubt, a more reserved gallery would have relieved the community to some degree of the stigma of being a "political hotbed".

For those many residents who have conducted themselves in an admireable manner at the various functions of local government, by all means attend these public hearings and participate in decisions which have long range implications

on all of Agawam. And for those residents whose main purpose is to act as a disruptor at these hearings, why not stay home with the kids? We've heard "Mork and Mindy" is quite an event in itself.

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### From the State House

by Rep. Edward W. Connelly Third Hampden District

TAX CAP BILL

The Committee on Taxation has released its version of the Governor's tax cap bill. The Committee bill (H-5757) differs in many respects from the Governor's bill (H-5603)

The major changes are:

Allowing a 4% increase above the appropriation, budget, and levy levels in the preceding year, i.e. "an inflation factor"

Placing the cap on school committee budgets. Removing the Local Finance Appeals Board for most, local governments and giving local legislative bodies the ability to exceed the caps by a two-thirds vote.

4. Removing the \$1 million for municipal management

LANGUAGE CHANGES...

Equally important are the small changes the committee has made in the language in the various exceptions to the tax caps. In the Governor's bill most of these were restricted to transactions (bonds, federal or state grants, pension payments, etc.) that take place after July 1, 1979. The Committee has removed all of this restrictive language. These exceptions may now be enormous when applied to a

The Governor's bill did not recognize the ability of the city or town to charge user fees of various kinds. The Committee bill does allow cities and towns to increase their appropriation cap by the amount of these fees. However, this applies only to fees on city or town "enterprises". The bill does not define "enterprises" beyond listing hospitals

and utility services.

The bill leaves untouched a substantial portion of the uncontrolled costs of cities and towns. On the state mandates issue, the Committee inserts a statement of intention that the Legislature would not impose any additional state mandates without providing full state funding for it. However, the bill contains no procedure to carry out this intention carry out this intention.

Section l6 of the Committee's bill puts a two year life on the tax cap. For cities and towns, this would cover fiscal years 1980 and 1981.

A NEW LOOK?...

House 5757 bears only superficial resemblence to the Governor's tax cap plan. In effect, it will probably be little more than a moderate control on property tax increases. It probably cannot be an effective mechanism to force cities and towns to return local aid distributions to property taxpayers as property tax reductions.

Currently, the House 5757 is in the House Ways and Means Committee. We expect it to be on the floor of the House soon.

House soon.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DESK By Pat Guevin

FROM THE

EDITOR'S



I would like to thank the Agawam Jr. Women's club and the people who voted me 'Woman in the Public Eye.' It was

quite an honor - thank you again.

This coming weekend, there are two entertainment happenings being presented in Agawam - both worthy of your attendance. The Agawam Police Association is presenting a Country and Western Show at the Agawam High School on March 30 and 31; and the Agawam Repertory Theatre's 'A Flea in Her Ear' at the Agawam Jr. High School on March 30, 31 and April 6 and 7. I hope everyone in Agawam will attempt to take in these two shows. Each promises an evenings entertainment without having to Each promises an evenings entertainment without having to travel any great distance - energy conservation you know!

#### Legal Notice Legal Notice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts SUPERIOR COURT DEPRIMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, SS. CIVIL ACTION No. 79-345

ORDER OF NOTICE
To: PICCIN REALTY CORPORTION, a duly organized and existing Massachusetts corporation having its usual place of business at 47 Nonotuck Road, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089; GINO C. PICCIN, residing at 47 Nonotuck Road, said West Springfield; WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK, a banking corporation duly established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having its usual place of business at 141 Elm Street, Westfield, Massachusetts 10185; and WORONOCO SAVINGS BANK, a banking corporation duly established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having its usual place of business at 31 Court Street, said Westfield and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK and WORONOCO SÁVINGS BANK claiming to be the holders of a mortgage covering certain real estate situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, therein bounded and described as follows:
"a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in that part of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, known as Feeding Hills, bounded and described as follows:
WESTERLY by land now or formerly of

follows: WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Mrs. C. Wheeler and S.R. Johnson; NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of

C.Z. Wright; EASTERLY by land now or formerly of C.G. Freeland; and SOUTHERLY by the highway leading from Springfield to Feeding Hills Center, known as Springfield Street. Containing about four (4) acres. Being the same premises conveyed to the

mortgagor herein by deed of Gino C. Piccin dated October 13, 1976, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4337, Page 162.

SUBJECT to Order of Conditions under General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, under instrument recorded as aforesaid in Book 3814, Page 363.

Including as part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, hot water heaters, ranges, refrigerators, refrigerating apparatus, plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, screen doors, storm doors and windows, mantels, shades, awnings, and all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter installed in or on the granted premises which renders such articles usable in connection therewith so far as the same are or can by agreement of parties be made a part of the realty.

SUBJECT TO flowage right and easement of the Town of Agawam under instrument dated October 17, 1977 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 4513, Page 167.

TION to the Plaintiffs dated February 4, 1977, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4582, Page 395, have filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and by exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as ammended and you object to such foreclosure, you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Springfield on or before April 25, 1979 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, James P. Lynch, Jr., Esquire, Chief Justice of our Sunerior Court this 19th day of

Witness, James P. Lynch, Jr., Esquire, Chief Justice of our Superior Court this 19th day of March 1979. Edward G. Shea, Clerk Published: March 27, 1979

LAST CHANCE

# Outstanding Athlete Award BALLOT Boys Basketball Wrestling Girls Basketball Boys Swimming

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### How To Vote For The Outstanding Athlete Award

In order to vote for the 'Outstanding Athlete' our readers should complete the ballot on this page. All citizens of Agawam are eligible to vote for the SENIOR athlete in the four catagories - Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Wrestling and Boys Swimming (circle the appropriate sport). Fill in the athletes name, your name,

address, and phone number. Mail the form to the Agawam Advertiser/News at P.O. Box 233 Agawam, Ma. 01001. The purpose of the award is twofold: (1) to increase community interest in the high school athletic program, and (2) to recognize the individual talents of our amatuer athletes. Tabulation of all ballots will be handled by the staff of the Agawam Advertiser/News. The deadline for the Winter sports catagory is March 15, 1979,

Individuals eligible for the award are Agawam High School Senior Athletes (graduating in 1979) who participate in sports which the Agawam Athletic Association sponsors teams.



are not gardeners or gardeners at heart. Anyone who has space to hang out some sort of feeding station probably has space to plant a few. well-thought-about

Plant life is what sustains all living creatures, and birds are no exception. If you are thinking of adding some plant life to your yard to help attract some birds, now is the time to get organized.

Basically, plants do two things for birds: they provide food and they provide shelter and nesting. If you can establish these two elements in your garden, you can

I have met few birders who expect an increase in the avian population.
This week, we'll cover

planting for food only and then next week, investigate planting for shelter and nesting. We can divide the food sources into three categories: plants that bear fruit and berries, plants that

attract insects. Seed-producing plants will attract sparrows, goldfinches, house finches, and juncos, among others. In nature, weedy plants which grow tall enough to poke through the winter snows are very attractive to seed eaters.

produce seeds, and plants that

Many people do not have a

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large enough area to allow tall weeds and grasses to grow, and, therefore, must find an alternative. One way to provide seed is to allow annuals to go to seed. Since the birds will find other sources throughout the summer, it is not necessary to let the early blooms go to seed. But towards fall, you may want to allow the flowers to go to seed, leaving the final blooms for winter food.

Tasty seeds following attractive flowers are found on asters, bachelor's buttons, columbine, poppy, zinneas, and, of course, sunflowers. If you do use sunflowers, cover the faces with cheesecloth during the summer so that the birds do not exhaust this favorite food supply before the cold weather sets in. You might want to cut some of the sunflower blooms and hang them in the cellar to dry. Later in winter, you can hang the whole flower outside near the

station.

Also included in your gardening plan should be some fruit- and berryproducing plants. Trees and shrubs that bear fruit and berries into the winter are a good choice for this region as the birds will select from other food sources during the nice weather and leave themselves these harder and more sour foods until winter and early spring.

Some plants worth invstigating are bayberry, barberry, crabapple, hawthorn, holly, juniper, and mountain ash. While many of these plants are attractive landscaping aids, it is helpful to remember that there may be pulpy droppings from these plants and to plan accordingly.

While most gardeners balk at the idea of planting to attract insects, birders know that insect-eaters are blackcapped chickadees, wood**Fashion Show** Slated

The Springfield Women's Association of Allied Beverage Industries will present a fashion showing with styles by Sal's of Agawam. The date is Sunday, April 1st starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Colosseum, West

Program chairman Eleanor Brow announces some

Springfield.

peckers, reducted, titmice, waxwings, and orioles.

A large bird population will help in your garden to control insect pests such as bettles, slugs, cutworms, and mosquitos. Some insectattracting plants are maple, birch, sycamore, willow and elm trees.

By integrating some of these plants in a manner pleasing to the gardener, you should be able to increase the avian population around your property.

interesting wine-tasting and lucky drawings are planned

for members and guests.

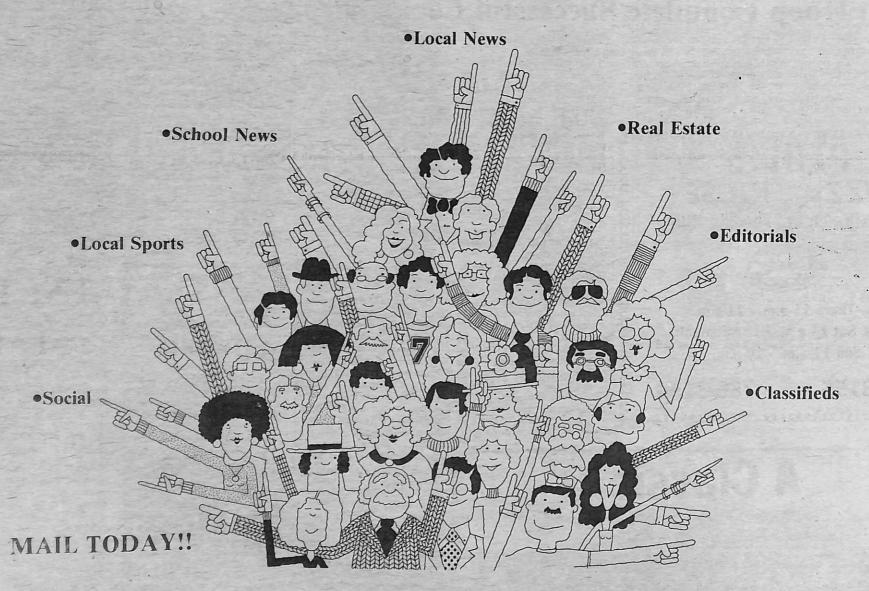
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The Magawa Sporting Club will hold its annual banquet at the Agawam Lion's Den on the Exposition grounds, West Springfield, April 7th. a cocktail hour will commence at 6 p.m. with the dinner scheduled at 7 p.m. The menu will be roast beef, and the ducats will go at \$8.50

per. You may get tickets for

the gala affair by contacting

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conditions of the water should

support some limited stocking

Connecticut River are sure to be open within a week. We

noticed black ice on Long Pond, Sturbridge, last Saturday. There is limited

open water at the Congamond

ramp and nice trout are being

taken by the diligent old timers fishing either side of

the underpass near Saunders

Speaking of Saunders

brings to mind the annual tuning and checking of yur

outboard motor. Good

weather is going to bring pond

fishing early this year, so don't

wait to the last minute to take

your rig in. The early bird will

have his motor in plenty of

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the day when the limit is lifted

on trout. You may take six per

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The Agawam 8-10 Canucks are pictured above. Front row, left to right: Jarrett Kubasky, Brian Boutwell, Bobby Matthews, Jeff Guevin, Tommy Mesick, Ricky Mesick, Mark Gianfelice, and Danny Ruby. Second row, same order: Bobby Mesick, Chris Jutras, Jeff Smith, Tony Young, David Boutwell, Scott Bracci, David Lemay, and Denis Punch. In third row are Tom Mesick and coach Jim Ruby. photo by Jack Devine

# Frosh Hoop Complete Successful Campaign

Smith- is brought-up in led orange and brown have conversation, most people been a perennial power not familiar with the local high only in the Valley Wheel but school sports scene immed-

in the Western Mass area. iately think varisty baseball. Agawam baseball under And not without good reason. Smith's direction is an PHIL'S
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established institution in the school's trophy case.

This past winter, Smith hung his hat in a totally alien surrounding. He accepted the position as mentor to the Junior High's hoop brigade, a duty which the dean of Agawam coaching figured would sport a few of the pressures found in varsity level. That was way back in early November. The "rookie" coach of the freshman ranks has since changed his tune.

There is no doubt about it from my standpoint," Smith said, "Coaching on the freshman level is much harder. You really have to work harder with the kids because they just don't have the fundamentals or coordination that varsity players do.'

This was no knock on the hustling players who brought the Junior High to a second place finish in the Valley Wheel with an 11-3 mark Freshman competition are the formative years when playground tactics hopefully become harnassed into a more team and learning the basics concept. Smith's squad had an overall record of 12-7 which was well within the realm of respectability. Smith termed the season "very successful" and was quite pleased with the 12 win-output.

"Any taime you finish high in the standings as we did, the season has to be considered a good one. I did a lot of learning about coaching on this level and the kids did their share of acquiring some basic skills on the court", he

offered. Smith admitted he was "surprised" at the caliber of competition awaiting his charges at the schedule's outset. He said this may have been partially responsible for Agawam's poor l-4 start. "I really didn't realize what

I was getting into. It had been at least 7 years since I saw a freshman game so perhaps we were not quite as prepared as we could have been.", he said.

But once Smith began initiating the type of strategy that would bring victory to within range, the frosh responded with ll wins in their last thirteen outings. "And many of these wins came on guts and hustle from the kids. Any coach wants to see these qualities in his players.", Smith related.

The most prolific freshman during the 78-79 session was Kevin Barnes, a ninth grader who many feel is heading for an immediate promotion to the varsity ranks come next November.

Barnes averaged 17 points

Forward Paul Dezielle and center Clark Dore formed the

In the backcourt slots were pair of ninthgraders in Timmy Ayre and Nadine utilized as the swing man and eighth grader Gerry Smith, (the coach's eldest son) received either Ayre or

starting five was a very

The 11% excise tax on bows and arrows which is collected by the Department of the Treasury may be used by the states to help pay for hunter safety programs, public target ranges, and wildlife restoration projects. In 1975, the tax revenue received by the Treasury Department was \$4,551,000; in 1976. \$4,455,000; in 1977. \$4,823,000; and in the first

quarter of 1978, \$1,690,000.

In the past I have received requests for the address of the Boone and Crockett Club. Recently, the office of the club was moved from Pittsburg to Alexandria, Virginia. The correct mailing address is 424 North Washington Street. Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Mrs. Kitty Beuchert is in charge of the office at this

In 1973, the Boone and Crockett Club signed an agreement to cosponsor the North American Big Game Awards Program with the National Rifle Association. The records for this program were transferred to NRA headquarters in Washington so tht their staff could perform the day-to-day administrative functions of the program and the records.

The Club remains a vital force in the conservation movement today, as it has been throughout its 90-year history, and it continues to serve as governor of the records keeping and awards program for which it is well

with as many rebounds. A power forward, who shoots well from the outside, Barnes has a bright future ahead of him. According to Smith, Barnes often hit the backboards against opp-onents much taller and stronger, but he usually grabbed his share of balls off

remainder of the front wall. Dezielle, the smallest of the frontliners, canned 10 points per outing while Dore, at 6-2 1/2, tallied at a 12 point clip. Dore also finished behind in Barnes in rebounding honors.

Yacteen.

"Basically, I would say our per contest and checked in competitive group and that the kids coming off the bench filled in very well.". Smith

According to Smith, the quintet's most gratifying win came against the South Hadley Tigers. "We were down by 14 points in the last quarter and we came back to win.", he related

The Junior High squad lost twice to Amherst, the undefeated league champions and also to West Springfield on two occassions. Smith termed the boys from across the river as the Junior High's toughest adversary.

"They were big and just good. We really didn't have much of a chance against them because their height advantage was just too great. Smith stated that a one point loss to Chicopee and another setback to Chicopee Comp by a mere basket proved squad could compete with the iron of Division One.

"I think if we played the two Chicopee teams at the end of the season. have beaten them. I was generally pleased with the way the kids handled themselves against stiff competition. Only against West Side did we get blown out."

Besides Dore and his son. Gerry, Smith can look forward to the return of Steve Young. George Sandlin and Frank Destefano, all of whom were developing to fill the shoes of the likes of Barnes. Dezielle and Yacteen during the winter months.

"I believe we have the nucleus for another good season next year." Smith summized. "We will have the height problem again, but if the kids can follow the fundamentals and execute properly, we will be right in the thick of things."

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# Riley's to Raise Batting Cages in Feeding Hills Center

site containing three batting cages and concession area to be opened for this upcoming summer was announced bym the Riley family of Agawam last week. The Riley family told the Advertiser News they are constructing Mike "Snake"

They're commercial machines, made by the Jugs company, the same company that makes the speed guns, and are entirely different than the ones in Pittsfield. They are the top line of what you can buy.", Mr. Riley said. He went on to explain that each

machine is cpable of holding 250 baseballs at one time, and will work on a coin-fed relay

"My only regret is that when we open one of the machines may not be operating. That machine is the Little League machine,

and we're not sure if we're going to buy a special machine for the youngsters, or rewire one machine to throw at a slower pace for the kids. It isn't a big problem, and we may even have it solved by the time we open.", Mr. Riley said.

For adults, pitching machines will be throwing at 60-65 m.p.h., while for the youngsters, speeds will be toned down to 30-35 m.p.h. An added feature for the Little Leaguers is that in their cage, two home plates will be placed at different lengths from the pitching machine, allowing the hitter to stand at the proper length according to his or her (as the case may be) age, Mr. Riley also added that bats and professional helmets will be provided, and noone will be allowed to enter a cage without a helmet. He also assured us that due to the unique design and wiring of the pitching machines, it is virtually impossible to be hit by a pitch, unlike other brands of machines, he pointed out.

"What we're doing is making a quality family place, a place where a family can come down and have some good, clean fun. We're trying to do this whole thing up right. If we weren't going to make it a quality thing, we wouldn't even do it at all.", the "Snake"s father quipped. He also stated the concession area will contain chairs and tables for relaxing and quick

"Snake" is the owner, but Mr. Riley will be the manager and what John Riley says is final. At the moment, Mr. Riley is hoping for a November 3 closing date, but his decision is unstable on that due to weather conditions. Mr. Riley also has the support of his family, who will be sharing the duties of the facility's upkeep along with

"The investment is Mike's, but this is a family operation. We're all going to work in

some way or another to make the batting facility a great place to be.", Mr. Riley said. "Of course, I think we can make it a great place to be for everyone.", he added with a

According to Mr. Riley. one more cage will be added in the future due to demand. He also takes pride in the fact that all posts and uprights are of heavy steel, not wood, as many cage's settings are made of wood, he pointed out. Posts for the cages are expected to be raised at the beginning of next week.

This is something more or less for the kids. I know, I've read about vandalism and everything like that, but I think the facility will give them something to do, somewhere to go other than just standing around on a corner. Don't get me wrong, we won't stand for kids or gangs loitering, but we want to give them something to do.", Mr. Riley stated. "I think it's time somebody trusted these kids, and give themf a chance. And we're going to do just that.", he added. "On the other hand, I need these kids to hold me up when I bat", he laughed. Mr. Riley added that the batting facility will have full police

Also included in the Riley family's plans is to allow area little league teams to use the batting cages for a special rate up to one hour. Although due to change, the present hours set by Mr. Riley will have the facility open daily 1-ll p.m. on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.ll:00p.m. and Sundays from 1llp.m. The project will also include ample free parking for up to 40 cars.
"It's somethin

whole family can and they 100 miles don't have to tra to do it either. Le. one has to be a ba ball player to have fun with t machines. That's why I'm so old on it.", he said. "We're no going after going after baseball players people who lo baseball. Nobody has o be a professional. The whole idea is just to go our and have a



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The project, according to John Riley, will be completed by April 28 and will be lighted for night use.

"It was all Mike's idea (the batting cages). He had just come back from pitching a high school game against Taconic in Pittsfield, and had seen the machines they had there which the Taconic players used', Mr. Riley said. "It was then that sparked his interest in someday building batting cages

About three months ago, the Twins flame thrower's ambition came closer to a

"About three months ago, Mr. Riley stated, "We decided to do some research on how these cages were run and what facilities were needed by looking into other cages set up around the country. There's just an unbelievable amount of time and investment going into making this a success

The complex will include a batting area with a 42-foot width and 90-foot length, which will be divided into three hitting areas. According to Mr. Riley, a home run net will be added 10-20 feet beyond the 90 foot fence, but will probably not be added until a week after the April 28 opening.

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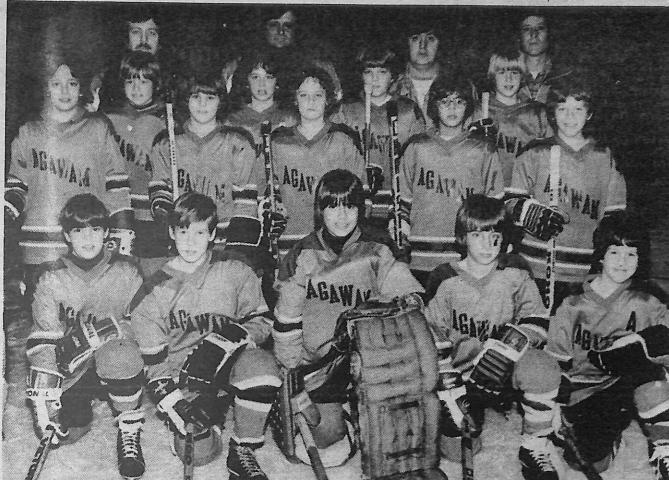
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Receiving their trophys are team members Darren Hill, Joey Rondoletto, Bobby Barbarini, Larry Bouchard, Jr., Paul Morris and Todd Goodrich. (left to right)

# **AHA Tuskin Raiders** Second In Tourney

By "Boom Boom" Bouchard

Raiders, who are sponsored goal. Then the Northend team by Phil's Pizza, Feeding Hills, journeyed to Fitchburg last weekend to compete in the Massachusetts State Tournament in the Squirt II Open.

On Friday night, they andover. The game-winning challenged Fall River at the goal was scored by Darren Orchard Hills Arena, where they beat them 8-5 for their first tournament win. In that game, Todd Goodrich and Joe Rondoletto, Paul Morris, Bob Barbarini, and Steve Byrn each had a goal.

Gardner Arena and took their scond victory by the score of 6-3. In that game, Paul Morris started the scoring drive that was followed by Bob Barbarini and Chris Shea. Steve Byrne also picked up two goals for the day.

went back to the Orchard Hills Arena to play Westford. Mike Augusti recorded his first tournament shutout when they beat them 4-0. In that game, Todd Goodrich, Bob Barbarini, Chris Shea, and Darren Hill scored goals.

After Agawam made a clean sweep by defeating all East Division winners. Sunday morning they played Northend, a game packed with excitement.

After three periods of hardteams went to their dressing rooms while the ice was being re-surfaced. When both teams came back, excitement filled the air.

dropped, Agawam started number one to all of them.

Agawam 8-10 A Tuskin their drive with three shots at came back with their drive. Finally, Agawam broke out of their own end to score at 2:59 in overtime period to advance to the finals against North from assists by Joe Rondofetto and Larry Bouchard.

So it was on to Fitchburg Larry Bouchard led the and the finals. At the Civic scoring with two goals each. Center, both teams line up on their blue lines, were introduced, and the game was

On Saturday morning, the team played Sudbury at the first goal at 5:05 of the first period by Rob Cheevers, son of Gerry Cheevers.

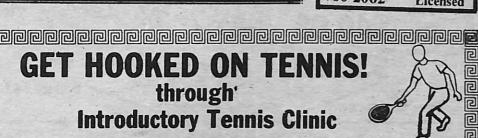
In the second period, Steve Byrne scored to give Agawam a 1-1 tie. Two minutes later, Todd Goodrich scored to give Agawam a 2-1 lead, but at 9:34 of the third period, Ryan Saturday night, the team Dugan tied the score at 2-2 to send the game into overtime.

When both teams came back, Agawam swarmed the North Andover net for the first three minutes, then Ed Ronan came back to score and give North Andover the championship.

Agawam came just one goal away from bringing home three teams, they advanced to their first state championship, the semi-finals to play the but they still came home as the second best team in the state.

Agawam coaches Mike Byrne and Larry Bouchard would like to thank the parents for their support and playing hockey, both teams especially to thank the boys were deadlocked at 2-2. Both who played their hearts out to who played their hearts out to bring back the championship trophy to Agawam. In the hearts of the coaches, parents, and fans who attended the games, their boys may have When the puck was finished second, but are







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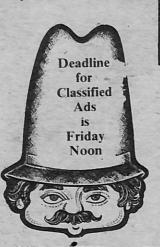
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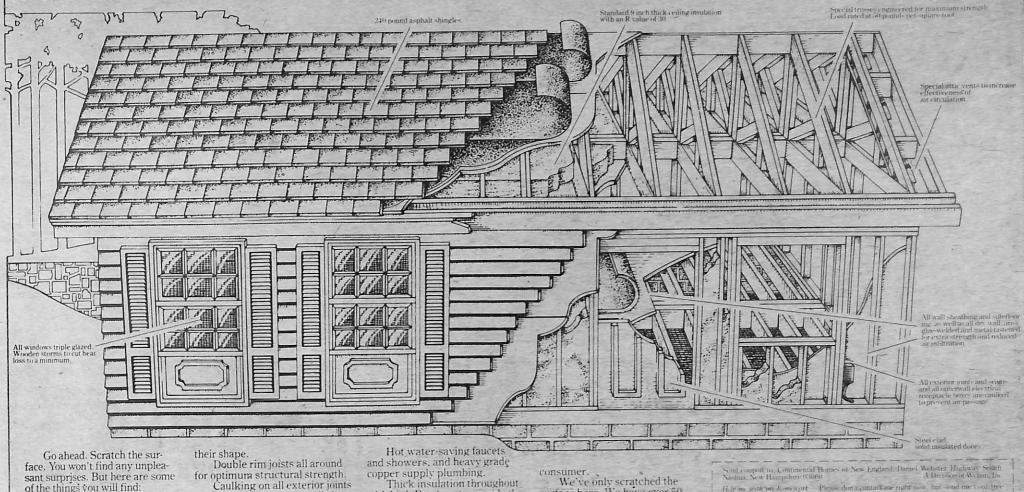
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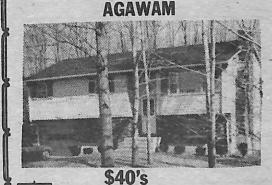
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